Missouri at a Glance

**General information**

Entered the Union: August 10, 1821 (24th state).
Capitol: Jefferson City.
Motto: “Salus populi suprema lex esto” which is Latin for “The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law.”
Nickname: The Show Me State.
Origin of state name: “Missouri” is most likely a French rendition of the Algonquian word meaning “town of large canoes.”

**Land area in square miles (national rank):** 68,945 (18).
Number of counties: 114 with one independent city (St. Louis).
Largest county: Texas—1,180 square miles.
Smallest county: Worth—266 square miles.

**Population**

Ten largest cities: Kansas City, 441,545; St. Louis, 348,189; Springfield, 151,580; Independence, 113,288; Columbia, 84,531; St. Joseph, 73,990; Lee’s Summit, 70,700; St. Charles, 60,321; St. Peters, 51,381; Florissant, 50,497.

Missouri population (2000 U.S. Census) ................................................. 5,595,211
National rank (2000) ................................................................. 17
Male/female population (by percentage) (2000) .................................. 48.6 / 51.4
Ethnic population (by percentage) (2000)
(White/Black/Hispanic/Asian/Native American) .................................. 84.9 / 11.2 / 2.1 / 1.1 / .4 / .1
Urban/rural distribution (by percentage) (2000) .................................. 68.7 / 31.3
Resident live births, (1999) ......................................................... 77,371
Resident deaths, (1999) .............................................................. 57,621
Total personal income, 2000, in millions (national rank) ....................... $154,499 (18)
Per capita income, 2000 (national rank) ........................................... $27,455 (28)
Median household income, 1999 (national rank) .................................*$41,466 (21)
*(U.S. Census Bureau estimate)
Gross State Product (2000) ............................................................... $166.5 billion

**Geography/Climate**

Highest point (in feet above sea level: Taum Sauk Mountain, Iron County) ............ 1,722
Lowest point (in feet above sea level: St. Francis River, Bootheel) ...................... 230
Approximate mean elevation in feet above sea level (national rank) .................... 800 (32)
Normal daily mean temperature (national rank) ........................................ .54.9°F (21)
Percentage of sunny days per year (national rank) ...................................... .60% (20)

**Education**

Public schools (2000–2001)
Elementary ................................................................. 1,262
Junior high/middle schools ......................................................... 326
High schools ................................................................. 539
Public school districts ........................................................... 525
Public school enrollment ......................................................... 897,374
Elementary (K–8) ............................................................... 584,265
Secondary (9–12) ............................................................... 276,092
Public high school graduation rate (1999–2000) ........................................ .79.46%
Nonpublic schools
Elementary ................................................................. 434
Secondary ................................................................. 103
Nonpublic school districts .......................................................... 537
Nonpublic school enrollment ..................................................... 104,145
### Facilities on Conservation Areas

- Grassland/old-fields/prairie/wetlands acreage: 83,392
- Forest land acreage: 59,215
- Fishing lakes/ponds acreage: 219,240
- Crop land acreage: 73,449
- State conservation acreage (areas/acreage): 1,090 / 968,235
- Forest seedling nursery: 1
- Fishing docks, jetties and platforms: 314
- Fire lookout towers: 59
- Firearm ranges (owned and leased): 43
- Fish hatcheries: 12
- Forest seedling nursery: 1
- Horseback riding–designated trails: 89
- Hunting blinds: 326
- Parking lots: 600
- Stream accesses: 329

### Natural resources

#### Agriculture (1998)

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<td>Number of farms/national rank</td>
<td>102,000 (2)</td>
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<td>Total farm acres</td>
<td>29,900,000</td>
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<td>Total ag income/export value</td>
<td>$5.56 billion / $1.55 billion</td>
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<td>Farm segment/national rank</td>
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<td>Hay production (excluding alfalfa)</td>
<td>Second</td>
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<td>Beef cow production</td>
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<td>Cattle operations</td>
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<td>Turkeys raised</td>
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<td>Corn production</td>
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<td>Rice production</td>
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<td>Winter wheat production</td>
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<td>Farm segment annual production</td>
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<td>Grapes</td>
<td>1,900 tons</td>
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<td>Watermelons</td>
<td>1,128,000 hundredweight</td>
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<td>Grain sorghum</td>
<td>40.9 million bushels</td>
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<td>Apples</td>
<td>42 million pounds</td>
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<td>Timber/commercial acreage</td>
<td>about 14 million acres</td>
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<td>Annual value of wood products</td>
<td>$3 billion</td>
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#### Energy

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<td>Nuclear plants</td>
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<td>Owned (areas/acreage)</td>
<td>775 / 770,574</td>
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<td>Leased acreage (areas/acreage)</td>
<td>315 / 197,661</td>
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#### Facilities on Conservation Areas

- Archery ranges (owned and leased): 38
- Boat ramps on lakes: 249
- Camping–designated improved: 200
- Camping–designated primitive: 1,256
- Firearm ranges (owned and leased): 43
- Fire lookout towers: 59
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#### Colleges and universities (2000-2001)

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<td>Nonpublic high school graduation rate (1999–2000)</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>Public four-year colleges and universities</td>
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<td>Technical, professional and theological schools</td>
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<td>Private career schools</td>
<td>.373</td>
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Trails (miles) ...............................................................1,004
Trails (number) ............................................................498
Viewing blinds, & decks ..................................................33
Visitor centers ............................................................15

**Employment**

Manufacturing
- Durable goods ..........................................................234,200
- Non-durable goods ......................................................169,200
- Total: Manufacturing ..................................................403,400

Non-manufacturing
- Mining ...........................................................................5,100
- Construction ...............................................................140,900
- Transportation/Public utilities ......................................179,700
- Trade .............................................................................648,400
- Wholesale trade ..........................................................151,100
- Auto repair and parking services .................................28,200
- Amusement, including movies .....................................48,900
- Health services ...........................................................228,700
- Educational services ....................................................48,200
- Social services ............................................................62,600
- Membership organizations .........................................57,700
- Engineering and management ......................................48,900
- Agricultural services ...................................................14,400
- Total government ........................................................428,200
  - Federal government ...................................................62,400
  - State government ......................................................108,100
  - Local government .....................................................257,600
- Total: Non-manufacturing .........................................2,356,700
- Non-agricultural employment ....................................2,760,100
- Agricultural employment (farm and farm-related) ..........519,000

Unemployment rate:
- Missouri: 2000 ............................................................3.5%
- United States: 2000 ......................................................4.0%

Cost of living:
- Missouri/United States (1st quarter, 2001) ..................92.6% / 4th lowest

Professions/occupations, 2001
- Architect .................................................................4,582
- Audiologist ...............................................................4289
- Barber .....................................................................3,368
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) .........................21,800
- Chiropractor ...........................................................1,828
- Clinical Social Worker ..............................................4,613
- Cosmetologist/All ......................................................41,545
- Dental Hygienist ........................................................2,393
- Dental Specialist ........................................................606
- Dentist .....................................................................3,181
- Dietitian .................................................................439
- Embalmer ................................................................1,279
- Engineer .................................................................14,969
- Funeral Director ........................................................2,844
- Geologist .................................................................810
- Hearing Instrument Specialist ..................................439
- Interior Design ...........................................................49
- Interpreter .................................................................384
- Land Surveyor ...........................................................915
- Landscape Architect ..................................................210
- Lawyers .................................................................Approx. 25,000
- Licensed Practical Nurse .........................................23,469
- Marriage & Family Therapy .......................................148
- Massage Therapist ....................................................596
Medical Physician/Surgeon .......................................................... 17,439
Occupational Therapist ............................................................. 1,912
Occupational Therapy Assistant ............................................... 587
Optometrist .............................................................................. 1,043
Osteopathy Physician/Surgeon .................................................. 3,109
Perfusionist .............................................................................. 112
Pharmacist .............................................................................. 6,475
Pharmacy Technician ................................................................. 7,135
Physical Therapist .................................................................. 4,323
Physical Therapist Assistant ................................................... 1,473
Physician Assistant ................................................................ 263
Physician (MD and DO) ............................................................. 19,916
Podiatrist ............................................................................... 259
Podiatry/Ankle ....................................................................... 50
Professional Counselor .............................................................. 2,394
Psychologist .......................................................................... 1,850
Real Estate Appraiser ............................................................... 1,830
Registered Nurse .................................................................... 68,650
Respiratory Care Therapist ..................................................... 2,847
Speech Language Pathology .................................................... 1,923
Speech Language Pathology Aide .......................................... 10
Veterinarian ........................................................................... 2,230

Business information
Financial services, 2000
State-chartered commercial banks ........................................... 326
Branches .............................................................................. 958
Credit unions ......................................................................... 171
Licensed mortgage brokers .................................................... 373
Licensed consumer credit outlets .......................................... 1,650
Savings and loans ................................................................. 7

Transportation
Airports, 2000 ........................................................................ 500
Highway miles, 2000
  Interstate ........................................................................... 1,178
  Primary ............................................................................. 6,822
  Supplementary ................................................................ 24,332
Total highway miles .............................................................. 32,333
Public transit, miles of light rail (MetroLink) .............................. 34.4
Railroad miles, 2000 ............................................................... 4,500
Waterways (navigable) ........................................................... 1,050
Number port authorities ....................................................... 14

Tourism
Tourist expenditures ............................................................. $12.9 billion
State revenue from tourism .................................................. $607 million
Foreign tourists (2000) .......................................................... 301,490

Crime Statistics
1997 Reported/estimated
Murder .................................................................................. 387 / 424
Forcible Rape ...................................................................... 1,405 / 1,513
Robbery .............................................................................. 8,277 / 8,416
Aggravated assault ............................................................... 18,893 / 20,384
Burglary ............................................................................... 42,781 / 47,001
Theft ................................................................................... 146,470 / 155,969
Arson .................................................................................. 2,151 / 2,271